

Partial Translation of H04-325261-A

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In addition, the present example is constructed such that an atmosphere communication port portion 5 provided in the ink tank side can be opened and closed by a cap 5a as shown in Fig. 2. This cap 5a is provided with an atmosphere communication passage 5b, and establishes an atmosphere open state if raised upward, and a hermetically sealed state if lowered downward. By opening and closing the atmosphere communication port portion 5 with the cap 5a in this fashion, it is possible to surely prevent the problem of ink leakage during commercial distribution in the closed state, while securing an excellent ink supply ability during the use by easily establishing the atmosphere communication state. In particular, if such an arrangement is adopted that an engagement member for the cap 5a is provided in the apparatus side and the cap 5a is raised upward in association with the mounting operation of the ink jet head cartridge to the carriage to establish the atmosphere communication state, then it is possible to achieve the secure mounting to the carriage and the communication with the atmosphere concurrently without troublesome work of the operator.